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December 5, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
MARIPOSA HORTICULTURAL ENTERPRISES, INC.**

(1st District) (3 Votes)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 74292, substantially similar to Exhibit I, with Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc., for the continued provision of contract landscape maintenance services at LAC+USC Medical Center, on a month-to-month basis, with rates to remain the same, effective January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at a maximum County cost of \$303,304. This action increases the maximum County obligation from \$808,812 to \$1,112,116.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

The term extension is necessary for the continued provision of contract landscape maintenance services at LAC+USC Medical Center ("LAC+USC"), while the construction of the Replacement Facility is completed.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The total maximum County cost for the eighteen month extension from January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 is \$303,304.

Funding is included in the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07 Final Budget and will be requested in future fiscal years.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The Department of Health Services ("DHS" or "Department") has contracted for landscape maintenance services under provisions of County Code 2.121.250 et seq., "Contracting with Private Businesses" ("Proposition A") since December, 1990.

On November 26, 2002, the Auditor-Controller approved a cost analysis prepared for the existing agreement by the Department. Since then, the Department's contract cost has not increased and will not increase under Amendment No. 1. Contracting under Proposition A guidelines continues to be cost effective and operationally feasible for the provision of landscape maintenance services.

Landscape maintenance services include but are not necessarily limited to: maintenance of turf, ground cover, shrubs and trees, renovation of turf and ground cover areas; pruning of trees and shrubs; weed, disease, pest and rodent control; and the operation and maintenance of irrigation systems.

On December 17, 2002, the Board approved an agreement with Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc. ("Mariposa") for the continued provision of contract landscape maintenance services at LAC+USC, effective January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003, with three one-year automatic renewals through June 30, 2006, and delegated authority to extend an additional six months through December 31, 2006.

The agreement was extended for six months under the delegated authority provision of the agreement, and is now slated to expire on December 31, 2006.

There is no employee impact. Landscape maintenance services fall under Proposition A guidelines and are subject to the provisions of the County's Living Wage Program.

Amendment No. 1 will extend the term on a month-to-month basis for a maximum of eighteen additional months, from January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, to allow time for the completion of the Replacement Facility Project at LAC+USC. The agreement includes provisions for termination by the County upon 30 days advance written notice to the Contractor.

Mariposa is in compliance with all Board requirements. Contract monitoring functions will continue to be performed by LAC+USC.

Attachment A provides additional information.

The attached Agreement Amendment (Exhibit I) with Mariposa has been approved as to use and form by County Counsel.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

The Department plans to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) as soon as the Replacement Facility Project at LAC+USC is completed, which we believe will be approximately in June 2007 for the continued provision of contract landscape maintenance services under provisions of County Code 2.121.250 et seq., "Contracting with Private Businesses" (Proposition A).

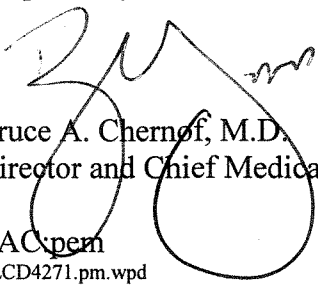
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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES:

Approval of the agreement will assure the continued provision of necessary landscape maintenance services at LAC+USC while the Replacement Facility Project is completed.

When approved, this Department requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce A. Chernof, M.D.
Director and Chief Medical Director

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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

SUMMARY OF AGREEMENT

1. **TYPE OF SERVICE:**

Landscape maintenance services at LAC+USC Medical Center.

2. **AGENCY NAME/ADDRESS/CONTACT PERSON:**

Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc.
15529 Arrow Highway
Irwindale, California 91706
Contact: Ren Flugel, Vice President of Operations, SC
Phone: (626) 960-0196
Fax: (626) 960-8477

3. **TERM:**

The term of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 74292 will become effective on January 1, 2007 and continue through June 30, 2008. Funding is included in the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07 Final Budget and will be requested in future fiscal years

4. **FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

The maximum County cost for the eighteen month contract extension will be \$303,304.

5. **SERVICE INFORMATION:**

The agreement amendment provides for the provision of landscape maintenance services at LAC+USC Medical Center.

6. **ACCOUNTABLE FOR CONTRACT MONITORING:**

Contract monitoring functions will continue to be performed by LAC+USC Medical Center.

7. **APPROVALS:**

LAC+USC Medical Center:	Pete Delgado, Chief Executive Officer
Contracts and Grants Division:	Cara O'Neill, Chief
County Counsel (approval as to form):	Allison Morse, Deputy County Counsel